



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 25, 2025

6:30 PM

Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Avenue, Wellington, CO
Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chaussee called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Chaussee asked for all to rise for the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call
The Clerk noted a quorum with the following roll call:
Cannon – Present
Dailey – Present
Moyer – Joined virtually at 6:33 P.M.
Tietz- Present
Wiegand - Present
Mason – Present
Chaussee – Present
3. Amendments to Agenda
Mayor Chaussee asked if there were any amendments to the agenda, and there were none.
4. Conflict of Interest
Mayor Chaussee asked if there were any conflicts of interest on agenda items; there were none.

B. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

1. Public Comment
Cam Tietz spoke in opposition to increasing fees and charges to the residents of the Town.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. March 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Resolution No. 09-2025 Considering a Contract for Installation of an ADA Lift at the Municipal Services Building

Trustee Cannon moved to approve the consent agenda.

Trustee Tietz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance No. 02-2025 - An Ordinance Granting Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. D/B/A Black Hills Energy, Its Lessees, Successors And Assigns, A Natural Gas Franchise And The Authority To Construct, Operate, Maintain, And Extend A Natural Gas Distribution Plant And System, And Granting The Right To Use The Streets, Alleys, And Other Public Places Within The Present Or Future Corporate Limits Of The Town Of Wellington, Colorado

Patti Garcia, Town Administrator, presented the item providing background of previous agreements with Black Hills Energy as well as the annual revenue from this increase. It was noted that the timing is significant, as the Larimer County Sheriff's Office is planning on requesting an additional School Resources Officer, which is not something that is within the Town budget currently. Black Hills Energy has requested two readings of the ordinance, and noted Tom Henley was available to answer any questions as well.

It was asked if funding would be available for an additional SRO if the agreement was not approved. Ms. Garcia noted that there is no additional funding, however staff would realign priorities if the Board requested finding funding in the Town budget without this agreement.

Previously, the Board had asked for staff to pursue franchise agreements with all partners, and this agreement is similar to other franchise agreements. Clarification was asked regarding the price increase, which was confirmed it would be \$1.60 increase, with \$2.04 being the total cost discussed. The Board discussed the benefits of the additional income to provide what is needed without amending the budget.

Mr. Henley, with Black Hills Energy, spoke to franchise agreements with a 3% fee that can vary based on the usage, and noted the 20-year guarantee to recover the assets placed in the ground.

Mayor Pro Tem Mason moved to approve Ordinance No. 02-2025.

Trustee Tietz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution No. 10-2025 of the Town of Wellington, Colorado Considering a Contract for Consultant Services

Meagan Smith, Deputy Director of Public Works, presented the resolution reviewing the previous 2022 Rate Study which recommended a study every three to five years. A Request for Proposal was opened in February 2025, with Raftelis the most qualified. Ms. Smith noted that feedback from the Board regarding a rate advisory group was requested, but the timing for this group was not tied to this decision.

Related to the advisory group, the Board discussed including the previous group, to bring the historical knowledge. It was discussed for the Board to recommend an individual to serve on the group, with 7 people being the desired number.

Trustee Cannon moved to approve Resolution No. 10-2025.

Trustee Tietz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance No. 03-2025 - An Ordinance Amending Wellington Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article 16 - Wellington Finance Advisory Board

Nic Redavid, Finance Director/Treasurer, presented the item, noting discussion with the Board at a Work Session in January 2025, that saw the need for proposed code changes being brought forward. Mr. Redavid noted the history of the current Finance Advisory Board, with quorum not being met for quite some time.

The Board spoke in support of the changes and expressed appreciation for the work staff and the Finance Department has done in the past year to improve the department and build public trust. Discussion centered around the length of time of the terms and if there was a need for the board to continue.

Trustee Wiegand moved to approve Ordinance No. 03-2025.

Trustee Tietz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

E. REPORTS

1. Town Attorney

a. Watering Restrictions

Dan Sapienza, Town Attorney, noted the upcoming bylaws discussion on a work session. Mr. Sapienza also noted potential watering restrictions, noting a question related to HOAs is historically brought up, related to HOA's ability to levy fines related to watering restrictions. It was requested that a set of guidelines could be proposed, to be in line with the 2018 Water Efficiency Plan the Town has supported for residents to conserve water. In doing so, a resident cannot be fined if they are following the guidelines and their grass is not meeting HOA standards.

2. Town Administrator

There was no Town Administrator report.

3. Staff Communications

Items were included in the packet.

a. Utility Report (February 2025)

b. Treasurer's Report (January 2025)

c. Report of Bills (January 2025)

d. Larimer County Sheriff's Office Report (February 2025)

4. Board Reports

Trustee Tietz reported on an upcoming spring festival, highlighting Wellington Businesses, on May 10, 2025.

Trustee Dailey noted Main Street programing, including new programs on Fridays and a call for mural artists is open, and P.R.O.S.T. successes including the naming of The Veteran's Garden, at Wellington Community Park.

Trustee Cannon noted several meetings of the C3 Committee.

Trustee Wiegand noted the St. Patty's Day event.

Mayor Pro Tem Mason noted an upcoming Larimer County Opioid Abatement meeting, and meeting with LCSO and staff regarding an additional SRO officer.

Mayor Chaussee noted the upcoming LCSO meeting.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., and for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., – regarding matters with the North Poudre Irrigation Company. As required by C.R.S. §24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(A) and (II) (E) the Executive Session proceedings will be electronically recorded, and the record will be preserved for 90 days through June 23, 2025.

Trustee Cannon moved to recess into executive session

Trustee Tietz seconded, and the motion passed.

Mayor Chaussee recessed into executive session at 7:53 pm.

Mayor Chaussee reconvened the meeting at 9:14 pm.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.




Calar Chaussee, Mayor


Hannah Hill, Town Clerk